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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE: Fosamax Products Liability	:
Litigation	:
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<i>This Document Relates to:</i>	: 1:06-md-1789 (JFK)
Ben Jackson	:
v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. and	:
Merck & Co., Inc.	:
Case No: 1: 07-cv-02958-JFK	: <b>Rule 7.1 Statement</b>
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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned attorneys of record for Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. certify that it has no parent companies and are not aware of any beneficial owner of more than ten percent of its Common Stock.

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Respectfully submitted,

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